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cooperative pooling of information Emerson had no doubt. In 1943 he wrote as follows about the origin of the maize geneticists news letter: "I can plead only that I did not invent the maize ghost 'publication'—nor did anyone else. It just growed. It started with personal correspondence and exchange of material between my former students and me. Soon others, whom, I regret to say, I cannot claim as former students, came in. When the load became too heavy, Rockefeller funds came to our assistance. I believe it is an under-statement to say that the group of maize geneticists has accomplished twice as much because of this close cooperation as the several workers involved could have accomplished independently."

This statement is characteristic of Emerson who said in the writer's presence on another occasion that he never could think of his graduates as students: they seemed to him more like children of his own. E. M. East, another of the departed giants of the early days of genetics interjected the comment: "You're all wrong in your attitude, Emerson. I think of my students as younger brothers—not as children." But Emerson held to his position—said it gave him the right to be more demanding of good work of his former students. But Emerson was not the "Life With Father" kind of "parent."

Genetics of maize and of flies—and of man even—has moved very far in the span of a lifetime. This has happened because the new-born science, only now reaching "middle age" in terms of human life-spans, did have its giants in the early days—and among these men of great stature our departed friend stood very tall.—R. C.